MEDICAL RECEIVING AND SCREENING

POLICY

With the exception of inmates transferred directly within a custody system with documented receiving screening, a screening shall be completed on all inmates at the time of intake.

The screening shall be performed by licensed health personnel or trained facility staff, with documentation of staff training regarding site specific forms with appropriate disposition based on responses to questions and observations made at the time of screening.

PROCEDURE

Upon arrival receiving/screening personnel will evaluate arrestees who are unconscious, semi-conscious or otherwise obviously in need of immediate medical attention and refer those arrestees to the RN for emergency care. These arrestees shall have a written medical clearance by a Physician prior to acceptance into the jail.

Inmates who have lost consciousness, or have been subjected to a carotid restraint, or subjected to an ECD application must have medical clearance. These arrests shall have a written medical clearance by a Physician prior to acceptance into the jail. Inmates involved in a motor vehicle accident within the past 6 hours must have medical clearance from a hospital. Arrestees who have been struck on the head must have jail nursing clearance prior to admission.

Additionally the receiving/screening will address observable symptoms of communicable disease such as signs or symptoms of chronic coughing, night sweats, recent weight loss, open sores, wounds, or any other complaints of communicable diseases by arrestee.

The RN will record the receiving/screening findings on the Inmate Health Services Admission Health Screening Record while conducting the initial health intake examination prior to housing. When possible, the pre-housing screening is to be conducted in private. Inmates in need of medical treatment or who request medical treatment are evaluated by the RN and referred to the appropriate medical/dental or mental health service. Inmates identified as having a developmental disability will be referred to the mental health staff. The referral will be documented on the receiving screening form.

All positive responses during the receiving/screening questions will be referred to the RN who will make one of the following dispositions and document the disposition(s) on the receiving screening form:

1. Referral to the emergency room  
2. Referral to medical housing  
3. Referral to mental health  
4. Referral for RN follow-up  
5. Referral to the dentist  
6. Referral for RN follow-up  
7. Referral to the dentist  
8. Recommend segregation/observation/isolation
4. Referral to the FNP/MD
5. Referral to sick call

Special housing needs will be reported to the Housing Sergeant and the deputy conducting the classification to assure appropriate housing.

RELATED STANDARDS
Title 15, Article 10, Section 1207
Chapter 2, Section 1
Chapter 4, Section 1

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